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SUBJECT:RHODESIA: NYERERE'S AND NKOMO'S VIEWS

I. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU TWO CABLES FROM THE FIELD WHICH SHOULD BE READ TOGETHER. THE FIRST (DAR ES SALAAM 1326) IS NYERERE'S MARCH 28 LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN WHICH HE STATES THAT THE FRONT LINE LEADERS HAD GONE OVER THE AAP WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE VERY CAREFULLY THIS PAST WEEKEND IN DAR, THAT THE PF IS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN POSITION ON THE POWERS OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER AND OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES, AND THAT, THEREFORE, WE SHOULD RAPIDLY RESUME MALTA PRIOR TO AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING.

2. THE SECOND CABLE (LUSAKA 1057) REPORTS NKOMO'S CONVERSATION IN LUSAKA ON THE SAME DAY WITH CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ IN WHICH HE REITERATES THE BASIC PF POSITION AS
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WAS FORMULATED IN MALTA: DISTRUST OF THE BRITISH MANDATES THE NEED FOR AN EXECUTIVE GOVERNING COUNCIL ON WHICH THE PF WOULD PREDOMINATE. THE VIEWS ARE, TO SAY THE LEAST, STRIKINGLY DIFFERENT. WE HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH NYERERE'S OVERLY OPTIMISTIC MESSAGES IN THE PAST ON BOTH RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

3. GIVEN THIS DISPARITY OF VIEWS AND THE APPARENT
BRITISH DISINCLINATION TOWARDS FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS
WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ALONE AT THIS TIME, I
BELIEVE WE SHOULD WAIT BEFORE SUGGESTING A REPLY FOR
THE PRESIDENT TO SEND TO NYERERE UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO
SEE IF NYERERE'S POSITION IS SUSTAINED IN OUR LAGOS
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